

Discussion Questions: Criteria for Selecting Grants

1. What criteria should be used?

What has WSDOT used in the past?
What federal/state guidance is there?
How have regions done it in the past (JARC plans)?
How are regions planning to do it now?
What is WSDOT's technical assistance role in setting regional criteria?

2. What weight should be given state versus local rankings?

Should the state accept local rankings (assuming they are compliant)? Should there be some balance between federal, state and local priorities?

• What about when there is more money left for a certain type of project that is lower ranked? For example, there is JARC money left and the locals say that their jobs access project is ranked fourth, should it be funded even if the third isn't?

Are there other reasons for the state to interject their process or opinion? Are there reasons for the state's opinion count the most?

- 3. What is G-PACs role in determining regional project criteria? What is G-PACs role in determining state project criteria?
- 4. What impacts do accountability and transparency have on the future of the statewide competitive process?
 - Risk Assessment
 - Past Performance
 - Clarity in State Criteria
- 5. What are G-PACs recommendations?